## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Tadahiro OHMI et al.

Title:

**VACUUM TUBE AND** 

VACUUM TUBE MANUFACTURING APPARATUS AND

**METHOD** 

Appl. No.:

10/594,896

International

3/31/2005

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371(c) Date:

9/29/2006

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Pre	viously submitted:						
[]	Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on						
[]	Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered.						
[]	Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on						
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,	Other						
b. En	closed are:						
[ X ]	Amendment/Reply.						
[]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).						
[]	Information Disclosure Statement.						
[]	Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of listed reference(s).						
[]	Other.						

## Miscellaneous:

[ ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	-	Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):					\$810.00	<del></del>	\$810.00
Total Claims:	28	- 36	= 0	X	\$52.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	4	5	= 0	X	\$220.00		\$0.00
First p	resentation of	any Multiple D	Dependent Claims:	+	\$390.00	=	\$0.00

CLAIMS FEE TOTAL: = \$810.00

## [X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[ ] Extension for response filed within the second month: \$490.00 \$0.00 [ ] Extension for response filed within the third month: \$1,110.00 \$0.00 [ ] Extension for response filed within the fourth month: \$1,730.00 \$0.00 [ ] Extension for response filed within the fifth month: \$2,350.00 \$0.00 EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL: \$130.00 EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: - \$0.00 EXTENSION FEE TOTAL \$130.00 CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL: \$940.00 [X] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): \$470.00 [X] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) \$0.00					
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The above-identified fees of \$470.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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